

12:40 P. M.

At 12:40 p. m. the Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

A quorum present.

Mr. Bailey moved that 1,000 copies of to-day's Journal be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phipps moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. McLin (by request):

Senate Bill No. 145:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent adulteration of candy;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hooker:

Senate Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and to amend the same;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No 147:

A bill to entitled an act to amend section 66 of chapter 4322 Laws of Florida, relating to assessment and collection of revenue;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Darby:

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4177 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act concerning County Boards of Health, and to provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of County Boards of Health, approved May 25, 1893;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Immigration at the request of Mr. Darby.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the children of Florida from baneful influence of false, partial and partisan instruction in the public schools thereof;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Myers:

Senate Bill No. 150:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4975 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1891, relating to the protection of the interest of farmers, planters and others against trespass;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Consideration of Resolutions.

Senate Resolution No. 14:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Printing be authorized and instructed to have printed 1,000 Senate Journals per day,

Was taken up, action having been deferred from yesterday on account of the illness of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing (Mr. Hendly).

Mr. Thomas made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred—

The request for information as to cost of printing Senate Journals per day.

Beg leave to report as follows:

Taking the Senate Journal of April 24th (which occurs to us as an average Journal) as a basis—

Four hundred Journals would cost \$44 05.

One thousand Journals would cost \$48 30.

Five hundred Journals would cost \$24.15.

The discrepancy between the cost of the different numbers of Journals is explained by the price paid per 100 words as per contract made by State authorities.

On 400 copies or less, rate is 1-6 and 1-12 cent per 100 words.

On 1,000 copies, or over 400 copies, rate is 1-12 and 1-24 cent per 100 words.

On 500 copies, or over 400 copies, rate is 1-12 and 1-24

Very respectfully,

W. R. THOMAS,

Acting Chairman Committee on Public Printing.

State Printer's estimate based on number of words in Journal of Saturday, April 24:

Ten thousand five hundred and seventy-five words—

Four hundred copies at 1-6 and 1-12 would cost \$44.05.

One thousand copies at 1-12 and 1-24 would cost 48.30.

Five hundred copies at 1-12 and 1-24 would cost \$24.15.

The President put the question "shall the resolution be adopted?"

And the resolution was not agreed to.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the West Florida Gulf Coast Railroad Company.

The committee offers the following amendments: Strike out the title, and substitute therefor the words, "A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the West Florida Gulf Coast Railroad Company, to provide for its organization, construction and operation; to provide for it to acquire, hold, lease, and convey its real and personal property, to issue bonds, and to grant lands to aid its construction."

Also amend as follows: In line 3, section 1, after the name "Blackmer," insert the names, "Shepard W. Clark, of Blountstown, Florida; S. S. Alderman, of Wewahitchka, Florida."

Beg leave to recommend that, as amended, it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 127, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of White Springs, in the county of Hamilton, and to declare the incorporation of the town of White Springs valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 95:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit killing or catching of mocking birds, or taking the eggs of mocking birds, and to provide a punishment therefor, and prescribing a rule of evidence in such cases.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 91 and 95, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the waters of Lake Worth and tributaries.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Board of Trustees

for the State Normal School for whites at DeFuniak Springs, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 67 and 121, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to repeal section 6, chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section; provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which other bonds may be issued.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 267 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to investment by Boards of Education of moneys of school fund.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman Committee on Education.

And Senate Bill No. 122, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Committee on Education submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend section 255 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to define and declare what number of hours shall comprise a school day.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments: Strike out the title, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4195 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to amend section 255 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to define and declare what number of hours shall comprise a school day, approved June 6, 1893.

Also strike out section 1 down to and as far as "255," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Section 1. That section 1 of chapter 4195 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to amend section 255 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to define and declare what number of hours shall comprise a school day, approved June 6, 1893, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows."

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES.

Chairman Committee on Education.

And Senate Bill No. 78, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to call up—

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning libel in civil and criminal cases;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 109 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 109 was recommitted.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to call up—

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 4147, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June 2, 1894;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 108 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 108 was recommitted.

By permission—

Mr. Carson introduced:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 143:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section one (1) of article ten (10) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead exemptions;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Special Order.

At 11:45 o'clock the Senate took up for consideration—

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations, and certain other acts or things intended or tending to prevent, hinder, or obstruct the lawful sale of Florida fed beef or other beef or fresh meat or cattle or other edible animal in this State, or tending to monopolize or control the sale or price thereof,

It having been set for 10 o'clock a. m. and having been passed over temporarily.

Pending the consideration of the bill—

A committee from the House of Representatives announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint session, and to proceed to the election of a United States Senator in joint session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives.

12 O'CLOCK M.

JOINT SESSION, April 27, 1897.

At 12 o'clock the Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was received by the House.

President Perrenot in the chair.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—27.

A quorum present.

By request of the President, the Speaker of the House ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll, the following Members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Ayer, Baggett, Baker, Ballentine, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Cobb, Cox, Crumpton, Dees, Dupree, Dyal, Ellis, Frisbee, Fielding, Fulton, Hardee, Harris, Hendry of Taylor, Hyer, Lamar, Lewis, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Morgan of Putnam, Owens, Pelot, Padrick, Pope, Potter, Rawls, Rice, Richbourg, Robertson, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Shepard of Orange, Sloan, Spencer, Stanford, Stockton, Street, Thayer, Turner, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Ward, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolff, Young and Zewadski—64.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Dougherty¹ moved that the joint session proceed to vote for a United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

And the joint session proceeded again to vote for United States Senator.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Crosby, Palmer of 14th and Thomas—5.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Palmer of 11th, Peacock and Reeves—7.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Carson, Daniel, Dimick, Myers, Phipps and Wadsworth—7.

For Burford—Messrs. Barber, and Blich of 20th—2.

For Hocker—Messrs. Hooker, McLin and Williams—3.

For Mabry—Mr. Bynum—1.

For Wolff—Mr. Darby—1.

Total number of votes cast, 26.

Mr. Blich of 21st was paired with Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Clark was paired with Mr. Roberts.

The roll of the House of Representatives was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Frisbee, Hardee, Hendry of Taylor, Lewis, Linton, McCreary, Morgan of Hamilton, Pelot, Pope, Rawls, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Stockton, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Ward and Wilson—26.

For Chipley—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Balentine, Cobb, Ellis, Harris, Hyer, Pedrick, Potter, Richbourg, Robertson, Shepard of Orange, Spencer, Street, Thayer, Watson and Young—17.

For Raney—Messrs. Chaires, Christie, Cox, Dees, Dupree, Fielding, Lamar, Mobley and Rice—9.

For Burford—Messrs. Ayer and Morgan of Putnam—2.

For Hocker—Messrs. Dyal, Fulton, Owens, Sloan, Turner, Whitner and Zewadski—7.

For Mallory—Mr. McCall—1.

For Darby—Mr. Wolff—1.

Total number of votes cast, 63.

Mr. Williams was paired with Mr. Bates.

The Secretary announced that twenty-six (26) votes in the Senate, and sixty-three (63) in the House, making a total of eighty-nine (89) votes, had been cast, of which the follow-

ing gentlemen received the number opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 31;
W. D. Chipley, 24;
G. P. Raney, 16;
W. A. Hocker, 10;
R. A. Burford, 4;
F. A. Wolff, 1;
T. A. Darby, 1;
S. R. Mallory, 1.
M. H. Mabry, 1.

The President announced that no one having received the requisite majority of votes cast as required by law, that there was no election of United States Senator.

Mr. Phipps moved that the joint session adjourn;
Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the joint session stood adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

12:20 P. M.

At 12:20 p. m. the Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hart-ridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—26.

A quorum present.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations and certain other acts or things intended or tending to prevent, hinder or obstruct the lawful sale of Florida fed beef or other beef or fresh meat or cattle or other edible animal in this State, or tending to monopolize or control the sale or price thereof.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dougherty, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th,

Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hart-ridge, Myers and Phipps—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to repeal section 6 of chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section, and to provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which other bonds may be issued.

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. McLin was excused for the day on account of sickness.

Bills on Second Reading.

House Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act transferring all certificates issued to State for unpaid taxes on lands which are now in the hands of Commissioner of Agriculture under chapter 4011, Laws of Florida, to the custody of the State Treasurer, and providing for the redemption, sale and conveyance of such lands,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 48 of an act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue," approved June 1, 1895,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendment offered by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 50, as amended, was referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption and cancellation of tax sales certificates held by the State for taxes due for the year 1895 and previous years,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the substitute offered by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Phipps moved the adoption of the substitute offered by Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to substitute for Senate Bill No. 25:

At the end of section 2 add, "or the rightful owner of said lands as shown by said certificate."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment to the substitute;

Pending consideration of which—

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to repeal section 6, chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section; provide for the payment of

bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which other bonds may be issued.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to repeal section 6, chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section; provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which other bonds may be issued.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate take a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 O'CLOCK

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carsor, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel,

Darby, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—22.

A quorum present.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption and cancellation of tax sales certificates held by the State for taxes due for the year 1895 and previous years,

Together with the substitute offered by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The pending question at adjournment this morning, being the consideration of the following amendment of Mr. Palmer of 14th to substitute for Senate Bill No. 25:

At the end of section 2 add "or the rightful owner of said lands as shown by said certificates."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Phipps renewed his motion to adopt the substitute offered by the Committee on Finance and Taxation;

Which was agreed to.

And the substitute for Senate Bill No. 25 was adopted and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No 24:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a remedy in cases of illegal or excessive tax assessment,

Was taken up.

Mr. Phipps moved that Senate Bill No. 24 be passed informally;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 89:

A bill to entitled an act to establish a battalion of naval militia to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to repeal section 6, chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section; provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which other bonds may be issued.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Senate Bill No. 56:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-tax collector of the county of Monroe, State of Florida,

Was taken up.

Mr. Phipps moved that Senate Bill No. 56 be passed informally;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the manner of apprehending deserted seamen,

Was taken up.

Mr. Phipps asked consent to withdraw Senate Bill No 22;

Which was granted.

House Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1895,

Was taken up.

Mr. Hartridge moved that House Bill No. 29 be recommended to Committee on City and County Organization;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 3 and 4, Chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide and appropriate therefor, approved May 29, 1895,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 111 lay on the table, subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Gaillard offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 107:

At the end of section 2, page 3, add the following words:

"Pertaining to the qualifications of electors in State and county elections."

Mr. Gaillard moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 107, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2251 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the construction of railways in this State by companies incorporated by other states,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Carson introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 15:

Whereas, It is important that the Legislature of Florida conduct the business as economically as possible, and in order to do so it is necessary to know the expense already incurred.

Resolved, That the Chairman of each Committee is hereby required to report to this Senate on Thursday, 29th, the number of clerks his committee employs, the name of each clerk, and the time said clerk has already actually been engaged, and the chairman or some member of each Joint Committee is hereby required to submit similar report on behalf of each such Joint Committee, and what additional or further clerical assistance each committee is likely to require during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Chipley introduced:

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to chattel mortgages;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Darby, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Immigration, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4177 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act concerning County Boards of Health, and to provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of County Boards of Health, approved May 25, 1893.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

T. A. DARBY,

Chairman Committee on Immigration.

And Senate Bill No. 148, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hart-